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Memorandum

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DATE: Feb. 4. 1981

REPLY TO ATTN OF: PLasbury

SUBJECT: JOhn J. Sullivan

TO: Files

Through DMC J.Mark Dion

I received a phone call today from John's sister, Debbie. She stated that the family was very upset at an article which appeared in the "Boston Globe" by. Steve Kinzer in which he quotes me as saying we had followed every available clue with no results and felt that John had met an ill fate. The family felt that we demonstated by this attitude that there was nothing more that could be done and that I should not have gone on public record.

FYI_ Steve Kinzer did ask me about the case at the Ambassador's residence but I did not realize at the time that I was speaking for the record. He called later to confirm Sullivan's age and full name. He never informed me that he was using my conversation with him for direct quote.

I pointed out to Debbie that by no means did we consider the case as closed and would follow any additional clues which they might provide. She stated that Sheraton Hotel Director in Boston said that the clerk who checked John in on the 28th saw him going out again an hour later. In my interviews I was not able to find anyone who saw John leave the Hotel that night. I also pointed out to Debbie that her family was consistently alienating Department of State personnel who were deeply interested in helping them. They have done this to Howie Lane, to Lu Giamporcaro and Russ Winge of OCS/EMR and now to me.

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